



Rio Alto Water District

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Billing Updates: Metered customers billed for the period 03/ 01/22 to 5/3/22 on May 3, 2022 that remain unpaid will be scheduled for lock-off on August 8, 2022. New metered billings for the period 05/03/22 – 7/3/22 will be mailed out on or around July 5, 2022 and will be due by August 7, 2022 to avoid delinquent charges. Availability lot billings for the period 4/1/22 through 6/30/22 will be mailed out on June 30th. Payments can be made by check or cash, and credit card payments can be made on our website at www.RAWD.org. Customers can also sign up for auto draft payments by completing the form found on our website or at the District office. **JULY IS THE LAST MONTH TO MAKE PAYMENTS ON DELINQUENCIES BEFORE A LIEN IS FILED AND DELINQUENCIES ARE TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY FOR COLLECTION THROUGH THE TAXES ON AUGUST 10, 2022.**

Drought: The severity of the drought can be seen in June’s last three years of precipitation and lake levels:

Year	June Precipitation Received	Average Precipitation to Date	Percent of Average	Shasta Lake feet from Crest
2022	18.84	32.73	57.6%	121.77
2021	13.80	33.58	41%	117.91
2020	23.65	33.62	70.3%	41.08

We are still waiting for approval of the state budget to determine if the turf removal rebates will be funded. If you are planning on removing your turf, you might want to wait and see if the program will be funded. Governor Newsom has asked Urban suppliers to expedite their consumption numbers to the State to determine the current percent of water savings. If the state does not come close to the goal of 15% savings (compared to 2020 consumption), stricter mandatory restrictions will be implemented. Rio Alto customers are currently 7.9% above the consumption for the same period of 2020. If and when we are mandated to comply, we will revert to the 3-day watering schedule we used during 2015 unless required to reduce it even further. PLEASE BE WATER WISE AND CONSERVE. We are all in this together. Visit <https://saveourwater.com> for conservation ideas or stop by the District for literature on water saving and drought resistant plants.

New Low Income Household Water Assistance (LIHWAP): LIHWAP provides one-time payments to low-income households that are eligible for assistance with delinquencies. The federal government awarded California funding to help households struggling to afford the costs of water and wastewater. Contact your local LIHWAP service provider to learn more about how to apply and qualify by visiting <https://csd.ca.gov/waterbill>.

Wetlands Update: The District has purchased a keycard reader, but we still need to have the gate rebuilt to install it.

Board Elections: Two Director seats will be up for election in the November General Election. Directors Craig Weaver and Ginny Mercer’s terms expire in December of 2022. Candidate packets will be available at the District office beginning July 18th and at the Tehama County Elections Office in Red Bluff. Completed candidate packets can be filed in our office or the Tehama County Elections Office at 633 Washington Street, Room 17, Red Bluff no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2022.

Board Meeting Date: The Board Meeting for July will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. Agendas, Minutes and Resolutions can be accessed at www.rawd.org. “Agendas” and under News & Notices.

Rio Alto Water District is a Special District governed by California Water Code and not affiliated with the Property Owners Association.